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TELECON ON VISIT OF SOVIET NEW TOWNS TEAM

REFS: A) MOSCOW 09232; B) STATE 162791; C) MOSCOW 11348;

D) MOSCOW 11374

1. ON JULY 21 HUD (FREEMAN) REACHED GOSSTROY (BORUNOV) BY PHONE TO CONFIRM WHETHER OR NOT SOVIET NEW TOWNS DELEGATION WAS TO VISIT THE U.S. AS SCHEDULED AUGUST 3-13, BECAUSE REFERENCES C AND D WERE CONTRADICTORY ON THIS POINT.

2. TERENTIEV HAD ORIGINALLY PROPOSED (REF A) TO SEND A TEAM TO THE U.S. IN AUGUST AND U.S. WORKING GROUP CO-CHAIRMAN MEEKER HAD RESPONDED WITH A SUGGESTED ITINERARY (REF. B). THEN ON JULY 20, TWO CONFLICTING MESSAGES WERE RECEIVED FROM EMBASSY: ONE (REF. C, LAST PARAGRAPH) REPORTED THAT TERENTIEV HAD INDICATED SOVIET ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSED AUGUST DATES AND ITINERARY AND THE OTHER (REF. D) REPORTED THAT BORUNOV OF THE SOVIET EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT INDICATED IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR A SOVIET VISIT AT THAT TIME BECAUSE OF HEAVY VACATION SCHEDULES OF SOVIET OFFICIALS. FREEMAN
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STRESSED THAT SOME U.S. OFFICIALS ALSO HAD VACATION PLANS

IN AUGUST BUT HAD CANCELLED THEM IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE

THE SOVIET REQUEST FOR THE VISIT AS SCHEDULED. HE URGED THAT THE SOVIETS SHOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO COME ON SCHEDULE AUGUST 3. BORUNOV REGRETTED THAT SUCH TIMING WAS IMPOSSIBLE. HE APOLOGIZED FOR ANY DIFFICULTIES CAUSED U.S. OFFICIALS BUT CLAIMED HE HAD COMMUNICATED THIS CHANGE OF PLAN TO EMBASSY MOSCOW PRIOR TO JULY 19 TERENTIEV CONVERSATION WITH DARBYSHIRE.

3. BORUNOV PROPOSED A SEPTEMBER VISIT FOR THE SOVIET TEAM (AS INDICATED IN REF. D). HUD IS NOW CONSIDERING, SOMEWHAT RELUCTANTLY TO BE SURE, THE FEASIBILITY OF THAT PROPOSAL. ROBINSON

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